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CUMBERLAND, MD., *October 12th*, 1848.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the ministers and lay-delegates composing this body met, this evening, in the English Lutheran church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. A. Seiss. Professor H. L. Baugher, D. D., President of Synod, being absent, Rev. S. Sentman preached from Isaiah xlv. 22.

FRIDAY MORNING, *October 13th*, 1848.

Synod met and was opened by singing a hymn, and prayer by the President.

The roll was called and the absentees marked.

The following is a list of the members of this body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	ADDRESS.
REV. J. D. KURTZ, D. D.,	Baltimore, Md.
" B. KURTZ, D. D.,	do. do.
" J. WINTER,	Petersville, Md.
" M. WACHTER,	Woodsboro', Md.
" J. G. MORRIS, D. D.,	Baltimore, Md.
" S. W. HARKEY,	Frederick, Md.
" D. J. HAUER,	Jefferson, Md.
" C. STARTZMAN,	Williamsport, Md.
" S. SENTMAN,	Taneytown, Md.
" J. J. REIMENSNYDER,*	Smithsburg, Md.
" F. W. CONRAD,	Hagerstown, Md.
" P. WILLARD,	Lovettsville, Va.

*With excuse.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	ADDRESS.
Prof. H. L. BAUGHER, D. D.,	Gettysburg, Pa.
Rev. C. WEYL,*	Baltimore, Md.
" C. LEPLEY,	Frostburg, Md.
" W. HUNT,	Rohrersville, Md.
" C. CULLER,	Boonsboro', Md.
" S. D. FINCKEL,*	Washington, D. C.
" B. APPLEBY,*	Baltimore, Md.
" J. HECK,	Waynesboro', Pa.
" D. F. BITTLE,	Middletown, Md.
" WM. H. SMITH,†	Baltimore, Md.
" C. REIMENSNYDER,	Westminster, Md.
" J. A. SEISS,	Cumberland, Md.
" P. RIZER,	do. do.
" G. H. BRANDAU,	Baltimore, Md.
" J. E. GRAEFF,	Washington, D. C.
" P. ANSTATT,	Baltimore, Md.
" C. H. EWING,	do. do.
" J. KAEMPFER,	Manchester, Md.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. L. RIZER,	Cumberland, Md.
" F. BENEDICT,	Waynesboro', Pa.
" S. L. HARKEY,	Mechanicstown, Md.
" G. J. MARTZ,	Frederick, Md.
" J. P. SMELTZER,	Taneytown, Md.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. C. HILDEBRAND,	Boonsboro', Md.
" J. MORLOCH,	Westminister, Md.
" M. L. BUSH,	Cumberland, Md.
" D. PERRY,	Frostburg, Md.
" J. EICHELBERGER,	Woodsboro', Md.
" D. FREY,	Lovettsville, Va.
" B. THRESHER,	Jefferson, Md.
" A. HOGMIRE,	Rohrersville, Md.
Col. G. SPRECHER,	Williamsport, Md.
Mr. D. STARTZMAN,	Hagerstown, Md.
" M. M. YEAKLE,	Baltimore, Md.
" W. KNOUST,	Cumberland, Md.
" J. WALTER,	Waynesboro', Pa.
" J. MYERS,	Washington, D. C.

*With excuse. †Without excuse.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN:

Having been permitted to assemble once more in the good Providence of God, I lay before you a report of my official acts during the past year.

Ministerial Changes.

A few weeks after the meeting of the Synod at Martinsburg, the Rev. J. A. Seiss, of Cumberland, Md., transmitted to me an honorable dismissal from the Synod of Virginia.

The Rev. James Harkey, having taken charge of congregations within the limits of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, at his own request, was honorably dismissed to unite with that body.

Rev. J. A. Brown, having resigned the pastoral charge of Luther chapel, and accepted the charge of a congregation in York, Pa., was honorably dismissed to unite with the same Synod.

Also, Prof. Hay, having taken charge of the congregations forming the Hanover district, was honorably dismissed to unite with the same body.

Rev. Eli Schwartz, resigned the Manchester charge, and at his own request was honorably dismissed to unite with the Alleghany Synod.

Vacancies Supplied.

The vacancies which occurred in consequence of the removal of so many brethren have been filled by the following brethren, from whom, with a single exception, I have received no official notice.

Rev. J. Kaempfer, of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, has taken charge of the Manchester district; Rev. P. Anstatt, of Luther chapel; Rev. C. H. Ewing, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian church, as a stated supply in the Lombard street church, Baltimore, who will also make application during the sessions of this Synod for membership into this body. Rev. B. M. Schmucker, a licentiate of West Pennsylvania Synod, has taken charge of the congregation in Shepherdstown and Martinsburg. The congregation at Weverton, organized since the last meeting of the Synod, and acting with much spirit and energy, is yet vacant. It must be stated to their praise, that they have laid the corner-stone of a new church, which in due time will be completed. The attention of Synod is respectfully directed to this infant congregation.

Miscellanies.

Difficulties having arisen between the council of Zion's church, Pleasant Valley, and their pastor, a committee of the following brethren, viz: D. F. Bittle, D. J. Hauer and C. Startzman, was appointed to hear the charges and if possible to restore peace; the chairman reports that harmony has been restored.

Two copies of the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina and four copies of the Joint Synod of Ohio, have been received, which with other documents are marked and laid before Synod.

Your attention is called to a paper, herewith presented, from the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Education Society, in which the Executive Committee of said Society, proposes to this Synod and to others formerly in connection with it, to re-unite with it in its educational efforts.

Mr. Kuhl, one of our beneficiaries now in the West, makes application in this way for the payment of the physician's fees during his protracted illness in the Seminary in 1847. The sum required is $10.

The terms of service of the Rev. Dr. Morris and Messrs. Isaac Baugher and John Baker, Directors of the Seminary, expire at this meeting of Synod. The brethren will bear in mind that their places must be filled by a new election.

It is respectfully suggested whether a system of colportage might not be adopted at this Synod, with great advantage to many congregations, and whether some of our beneficiaries might not thus be profitably employed during their vacation. Our church might easily be built up and extended in counties where the population is large in proportion to the number of ministers, and where the labors of ministers are inadequate to the spiritual necessities of the people.

May the Great Head of the church preside in our deliberations, impart unto us that wisdom which is profitable to direct, and overrule our imperfections for his own glory. Amen.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. BAUGHER, *President.*

The Rev. P. Anstatt, having removed into the bounds of this Synod, presented a letter of dismission from the President of the Alleghany Synod, and was received as a member of this body.

The President announced the election of officers for the ensuing year as next in order, which being attended to, resulted as follows:

Rev. B. KURTZ, D. D., *President.*
" C. STARTZMAN, *Secretary.*
" D. F. BITTLE, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of last Synod be dispensed with, and that they be referred to a committee.

A number of documents intended for Synod were now handed in and referred to appropriate committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

No. 1. Rev. S. W. Harkey, Rev. S. Sentman and Mr. J. Myers.

No. 2. Rev. C. Reimensnyder, Rev. L. Rizer and Mr. C. Hildebrand.

No. 3. Rev. G. H. Brandau, Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., and Mr. J. Eichelberger.

No. 4. Rev. F. W. Conrad, Rev. P. Willard and Mr. J. Sprecher.

No. 5. Rev. M. Wachter, Rev. C. Lepley and Mr. D. Startzman.

No. 6. Rev. D. F. Bittle, Rev. W. Hunt, Rev. C. Culler and Mr. M. Bush.

No. 7. Rev. J. E. Graeff, Rev. P. Anstatt and Mr. D. Frey.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President, to consider cases of absence and report on the same.

Whereupon the President appointed the following brethren to constitute said committee: Rev. Messrs. Conrad, Brandau, P. Rizer, and Messrs. J. Myers and Col. S. Sprecher.

Rev. Mr. Willard announced that a difficulty had arisen in his charge, involving in some degree his usefulness, and respecting which he intended at some subsequent meeting to solicit an investigation on the part of Synod.

Rev. Prof. Baugher, D. D., Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., Rev. P. Rizer and Rev. J. A. Seiss, were appointed a committee to examine candidates for licensure.

Rev. C. H. Ewing, applicant for admission into this body, and the Rev. Mr. Myers, of the Methodist Episcopal church, were received as advisory members of this body.

Resolved, That the brethren be required to hand in their parochial reports on to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and that they be requested at the same time to make a verbal report of the state of religion in their respective charges.

The Treasurer now handed in his report, which reads as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED Oct. 16th, 1847.

By note on Mr. Isaac Baugher, deceased, - - -	$100 00
Balance from former Treasurer, - - - - -	10 52
Amount paid in at Synod, - - - - - -	86 00
Interest on note of Mr. Baugher, - - - - -	7 76
	$204 28

EXPENDITURES, Oct. 16, 1847.

Paid Rev. Mr. Harkey, one of the committee on the case of Dr. Muller, -	$5 00
Nov. 10th, 1847,—Paid Book Company for printing minutes of Synod for 1846, - - - - - -	44 46
May 18th, 1847,—Paid do. do. for 1847,	43 56
" " Paid Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D., per order from Rev. Mr. Heyer, in full, - - - - -	52 50
Oct. 16th, 1847,—Paid Rev. J. Heck, for purchase of trunk and sundries, - - - - - - - - -	9 56
	$155 08
Balance in the Treasury, - - -	$49 20

This report was accepted and referred to an auditing committee. Said committee consisting of Messrs. Yeakle, Eichelberger and Morloch.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary, under the auspices of our church, and that this committee have reference to the report

of the Synod of East Pennsylvania on that subject, as printed in the Observer.

The President appointed on this committee, Rev. Dr. Morris, Rev. D. F. Bittle, Rev. J. A. Seiss, and Messrs. J. Myers and A. Hogmire.

Rev. Mr. C. H. Ewing now made application to be received into this Synod, which application, after some verbal explanation made by him, was referred to the Ministerium, to which it properly belonged.

Synod adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother P. Rizer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3 *o'clock.*

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother S. W. Harkey.

Minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

Committee No. 4, beg leave to report that the papers placed in their hands are letters from Drs. Kurtz and Morris, Rev. Mr. Ewing and the Secretary of the council of the Lombard street congregation, Baltimore, setting forth that the Rev. Charles H. Ewing, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian church, had received a call from said congregation, and having received a certificate of good standing from the Presbytery of Baltimore, requested admission into this body and the appointment of a committee to instal him.

These letters declare that the Rev. Mr. Ewing has been laboring for the last six months with great acceptance, with encouraging success and with flattering prospects for the future.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following:

1st. *Resolved,* That these letters be read to the Ministerium.

2d. *Resolved,* That the Rev. C. H. Ewing, according to the uniform practice of this Ministerinm in such cases, be requested to appear before the same in order that a friendly colloquium may be had with him, prior to the decision of the question of his admission and installation.

F. W. CONRAD,
H. L. BAUGHER,
P. WILLARD,
S. W. HARKEY,
GEO. SPRECHER.

This report was adopted.

Committee No. 1 reported, which report was recommitted, with instructions to the committee to report in accordance with document.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a

minute, embodying the sense of the Synod, in regard to the Theological Review prepared by the Rev. Prof. Reynolds.

The President appointed on said committee the following brethren, viz: Rev. J. A. Seiss, Rev. S. W. Harkey and J. Eichelberger.

Committee No. 5, report that the paper put into their hands is a communication from brother Altman, of the Alleghany Synod. This communication contains the excuse of brother Altman for non-attendance as a delegate to this body. He urges the fact that the period of time intervening between the meeting of these two bodies is so short, that it is impossible for him to leave his people. He prays for the blessing of God on our deliberations. Your committee move that this brother be sustained in his excuse.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LEPLEY,
M. WACHTER,
D. STARTZMAN.

The report was adopted and brother Altman excused.

Committee No. 7, report that the paper committed to them is a communication from Prof. Baugher, D. D., in behalf of the executive committee of the Parent Education Society, in which he sets forth the propriety of dissolving the Synodical Education Society and again uniting with the Parent Education Society. Your committee coincide with the views expressed and recommend the reading of said document before the Synodical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. GRAEFF,
P. ANSTATT,
D. FREY.

This report was adopted and referred to the Education Society.

The auditing committee report, that they have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct compared with the vouchers accompanying it.

M. M. YEAKLE,
J. EICHELBERGER,
J. MORLOCH.

This report was adopted.

Rev. J. E. Graeff now made application for ordination, which application was referred to the Ministerium.

On motion it was,

Resolved, That Synod now suspend its business proper, for the remaining part of the day, in order to attend to the business of the Education Society.

For the proceedings of which see Appendix A.

C. STARTZMAN, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock*, *October* 14*th*, 1848.

The Rev. Dr. Baugher, President of the last Synod, having been providentially detained, did not preach his Synodical discourse until last night. This discourse was based on Col. i. 18.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Seiss.

After one hour spent in Education business, Synodical business was again resumed.

The Secretary, brother Startzman, being sick and therefore unable to attend the meeting of Synod, the Rev. John Heck was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous session were now read and approved.

The Rev. S. Sprecher, having presented his certificate of appointment as a delegate from the West Pennsylvania Synod, was admitted as an advisory member of this body.

Jacob Walter, Esq., having presented his certificate of appointment as lay-delegate from the Waynesboro' charge, was received as a member of this Synod.

Dr. Morris, from the committee on the establishment of a Female Seminary, read a report which was accepted and laid over, as the handing in of the parochial reports had been made the order of the day at 10 o'clock, which now had arrived.

The Rev. Messrs. Simms, of the Presbyterian church, and Johns of the Episcopal church, were introduced to this body and received as advisory members.

The order of the day, viz: the handing in of the parochial reports and verbal statements on the state of religion in the different pastoral charges occupied the attention of Synod, but before this business was completed a motion to adjourn prevailed.

Prayer by brother Winter.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ *o'clock.*

At 2 o'clock, divine service was attended to, conducted by bro. S. W. Harkey.

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes be postponed, and that we proceed with the parochial reports.

For Parochial Report see Appendix B.

The report on the Female Seminary being called up for consideration, it was

Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted, and that Dr. Kurtz be chairman of the committee referred to in the report, and that he appoint the balance of the committee.

The report of the committee is as follows:

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Female School under the auspices of our church report:

That they deem such a Seminary of the highest importance, and hope that measures will be taken by the different Synods to establish one at such place as may be considered most desirable, as affording the best advantages.

Resolved, That the resolutions of the East Pennsylvania Synod relating to this subject, passed at their late meeting at Selinsgrove, be adopted by this body.

J. G. MORRIS,
D. F. BITTLE,
J. A. SEISS,
A. HOGMIRE,
J. MYERS.

Brother Harkey, from the committee appointed to examine the report of the President, submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the President's report would respectfully state, that it is almost entirely a business document, and contains only a few items which seem to require the action of Synod.

The President recommends that the Synodical Education Society be dissolved, and that we re-unite with the Parent Society. Your committee would join the President in this recommendation.

In regard to the request of brother Kuhl, mentioned by the President, we would recommend that it be granted.

On the subject of employing some of our beneficiaries, during their vacations, as colporteurs within the bounds of our Synod, recommended by the President, your committee rejoice to know, that some of our ministers have already been acting in this matter with the best of results, and we would propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our ministers and churches to employ our young men as colporteurs whenever it is practicable, and that while they distribute the Bible and the publications of the American Tract Society, they be also engaged to circulate the books and periodicals of our own church.

Finally, your committee would move that the report of the President be adopted, and as usual be published in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. HARKEY,
S. SENTMAN,
JOHN MYERS.

Accepted and adopted.

The minutes of the last General Synod, held in New York city, were referred to brother S. W. Harkey, by the President, with instructions to examine and report thereon.

Brother Bittle, from committee No. 6, submitted the following report:

The first document in the hands of your committee is a printed remonstrance against American slavery, purporting to be from ministers of the Lutheran denomination, not mentioning who they are. This remonstrance declaims against the sin and evils of slavery and urges all ministers of the gospel to take immediate and decided action in opposition to it as a sin against God and man.

To this remonstrance is appended a written note by the Rev. Van Alstine, of Minden, N. Y., requesting the Secretary of Synod, or some other efficient friend, to procure the signatures of the brethren, and return the document to him.

Inasmuch as there is no restriction on the individual opinions of the ministers of our church, your committee recommend that the document be handed to the Secretary and returned to the Rev. Van Alstine, with the names of any who may see proper to sign it.

D. F. BITTLE,
C. C. CULLER,
WM. HUNT.

Resolved, That we now proceed to the election of Directors to the Seminary at Gettysburg.

The election resulted as follows:

Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, clerical; Drs. D. Gilbert and Eichelberger, lay-directors.

Resolved, That brother Lawrence Rizer, who visited Weverton at the direction of the President, be allowed $5 travelling expenses.

Adjourned after prayer by brother Sprecher.

This evening a meeting was held in behalf of the Education cause. Addresses were delivered by brother Conrad and Sprecher.

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

On Lord's day morning Dr. Morris preached. Brother Brandau in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the German language. At 4 o'clock, the congregation was addressed by brother Conrad, and the Lord's Supper administered. In the evening, brother Ewing preached.

In the Presbyterian church, brother Graeff preached in the morning, and Dr. Kurtz at night.

In the Methodist Episcopal church, brother Winter in the morning, and the Secretary pro tem. at night.

In the Methodist Protestant church, brother Anstatt in the morning, and C. Reimensnyder at night.

In the Baptist church, brother Hunt in the morning, and Martz at night.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock, October* 16*th*, 1848.

Prayer by brother Willard.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Knost, a delegate from the German congregation of Cumberland, presented his certificate of appointment and was received as a member of this body.

Brother Rizer presented a paper from the German Lutheran church of Cumberland, which was referred to the following committee.

Rev. Messrs. Baugher, Brandau, Conrad and Sprecher, and Jacob Walter, Esq.

DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS.

West Pennsylvania.—S. Sentman, principal; C. Reimensnyder, alternate.

East Pennsylvania.—F. W. Conrad, principal; S. W. Harkey, alternate.

Alleghany.—C. Lepley, principal; P. Anstatt, alternate.

Resolved, That we send a delegate to the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Morris was appointed principal and Dr. Kurtz alternate.

Brother Winter, from committee No. 1, presented a report which was recommitted with instructions.

Resolved, That committee No. 2 be added to committee No. 1.

Dr. Morris from committee No. 3, submitted the following report:

Committee No. 3 report, that the document presented to them is a number of the "Lutheraner," of Nov. 16th, 1847, containing a sermon on the anniversary of the Reformation, by the editor, Rev. Mr. Walter.

The committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we are gratified in hearing that the Missouri Synod celebrates the anniversary of the glorious Reformation by Luther in 1517.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the general practice of preaching on the subject of the Reformation on the 31st of October, or on the Lord's day nearest to it, once prevalent in this Synod.

J. G. MORRIS,
G. H. BRANDAU,
J. EICHELBERGER.

Adopted.

Brother Seiss, from the committee on the Theological Review, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to prepare a minute embodying the sense of this Synod respecting Prof. Reynolds' contemplated Theological Review, report that they regard such a publication, conducted on the liberal and peaceable principles of the New Testament, as imperiously demanded by the wants of the American Lutheran church. They consider that it would furnish important service in developing the theology and consciousness of the church, in putting us in a proper position before the world, and in bringing about a fraternal understanding and closer union between our own members. Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express to the church our entire confidence in the competency of Prof. Reynolds, to conduct said Theological Review to the best advantage of the church.

2. *Resolved*, That we will use our individual efforts to sustain said publication.

J. A. SEISS,
S. W. HARKEY,
J. EICHELBERGER.

Adopted.

Brother Willard from the committee appointed to establish a mission at Weverton, reported as follows:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to consider the propriety of forming a missionary station at Harper's Ferry, Weverton, &c., report that by the advice of the brethren, and with the promise of aid from the Home Missionary Society, they proceeded forthwith to the attempt of forming a new pastoral district, to be composed of Weverton, Harper's Ferry, St. Paul's and Hillsboro'.

A meeting was called by the committee at St. Paul's church, Loudon county, Va., for that purpose on the 29th of November last, and the matter was laid before the people.

At this meeting resolutions were passed by the congregation disconnecting itself from the Loudon charge for the purpose of effecting the design of Synod, with this proviso, that they were to be supplied with preaching from the Lovettsville charge, until they could secure the services of a pastor for the new district; and if the matter failed they should be re-united with said charge.

A committee was also appointed to visit the various places at which it was thought congregations might be formed, ascertain what could be done, and report as soon as possible.

After some delay, this congregation for reasons which are not known to the committee, and contrary to the spirit of the resolutions passed by themselves, engaged the services of brother Hunt for one year, without making him acquainted with the circumstances.

The committee perceiving that nothing more could be done for the formation of a new district, without the action of Synod, directed their attention to Weverton, where under its direction a congregation was organized in June and the corner-stone of a new church was laid in September last. This edifice will be so far completed this season, that the congregation can worship in it during the winter; and the people are very desirous that this body will make some arrangement by which they may be speedily furnished with some one to break to them the bread of life.

P. WILLARD,
F. W. CONRAD.

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that the attention of the executive committee of the Home Missionary, be directed to this mission.

Mr. John Smith, of St. Paul's church, Loudon county, Va., presented his certificate of appointment as delegate.

Resolved, That Mr. John Smith be received as a commissioner from his church to this body.

Whereas, it has heretofore been our practice to report on all the minutes of sister Synods, and as the General Synod reports in full on all the minutes of the Synods in connection with it, we deem it unnecessary to print the reports in future on the minutes of those Synods in connection with the General Synod.

The following paper was presented by brother S. W. Harkey, for the consideration and adoption of Synod. After some discussion it was adopted.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

Whereas, the command of the Savior, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is addressed to the church and especially to the ministry of that church; and whereas the ministers and lay-delegates assembled in Synod, are the representatives of the church within a certain geographical boundary, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it is the appropriate business of the Synod to make provision for the education and sending forth of an able and faithful ministry, without the necessity for the existence of a Synodical Education and Missionary Society, the Synod itself being such a society.

2. *Resolved*, That hereafter the subject of beneficiary education and Home and Foreign Missions, be introduced into the annual proceedings of this body, as a part of our regular Synodical business; and that the officers of Synod be an executive committee to superintend these departments of christian benevolence and effort, during the interim of our annual meetings.

3. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod, as chairman of this executive committee, be required to present a full and accurate account of the proceedings of said committee and of the doings of this Synod in the work of Education, Home and Foreign Missions, in his annual report to this body.

4. *Resolved*, That three brethren, with alternates, be appointed to make addresses at our next annual meeting, one on the subject of Education, another on the subject of Home, and the third on that of Foreign Missions, and that collections, if deemed expedient, be taken in aid of these several objects when said addresses are delivered.

5. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon all the ministers and churches connected with this Synod to redouble their efforts in these glorious departments of christian benevolence, and that they endeavor to induce every member of our churches to contribute to these objects according to ability, *regularly and systematically.*

Brother Willard having stated that some difficulty existed in his congregation, the following committee was appointed to examine into the merits of the case, and report whether it is expedient to bring it before Synod.

This committee consists of Messrs. Harkey, Bittle and Walter.

Dr. Morris, from the committee on the Constitution, was about to present his report, when it was resolved that the consideration of the constitution be made the order of the day at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Resolved, That we now proceed to choose a place for the next meeting of Synod.

Invitations having been presented from Baltimore, Woodsboro', Hagerstown and Williamsport.

Hagerstown was chosen.

It was therefore,

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Hagerstown on the Thursday evening preceding the third Sabbath in October, 1849.

Adjourned after prayer by brother Conrad.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3 *o'clock.*

Prayer by brother Culler.

Minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day being the consideration of the Constitution, this subject was taken up.

Resolved, That in the further adoption of the Constitution proposed for the government of this Synod, nothing be admitted into it which would take the licensure and ordination of candidates for

the ministry, or the trial of ministers for heresy, out of the hands of the Ministerium.

Brother Yeakle asked and obtained leave of absence for the balance of the session of Synod.

Adjourned after prayer by brother C. Reimensyder.

TUESDAY MORNING, *October 19th*, 1848.

Prayer by brother Sentman.

Last evening, a meeting was held in behalf of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and addresses were delivered by brethren Harkey and Conrad.

Minutes read and approved.

The order of the day being the consideration of the Constitution, the discussion on the same was continued until Synod adjourned.

Prayer by brother Lepley.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 *o'clock.*

Prayer by brother Brandau.

Brother Winter, from committee No. 1, presented the following report:

Committee No. 1, would respectfully report that there were referred to them two letters: One from the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, of Martinsburg, Va., in which he informs Synod that he has taken charge of the Martinsburg and Shepherdstown congregations, the former of which stands in regular connection with this Synod. He also informs Synod that he intends to withdraw from the West Pennsylvania Synod of which he is a member, but whether he will connect with this or the Synod of Virginia, is not stated. He also informs Synod that he will in a short time forward the $25 pledged by the Martinsburg congregation to the Education Society.

The other is a letter from Rev. J. Ulrich, Secretary of the West Pennsylvania Synod, forwarding resolutions of said Synod in regard to Synodical boundaries.

As this is a subject of no little importance, and in which is involved the friendly relations which have heretofore existed between this and other Synods, your committee would respectfully beg leave to call the attention of Synod to the various resolutions which have heretofore been passed by this body.

At the Synod of 1834, held in Clear Spring, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That those brethren of other States, residing near the borders of our Synod, be permitted to continue united with this body, with the consent of the Synods within whose bounds they properly reside.

At the Synod of 1839, held in Waynesboro', the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That with the approbation of the Synod of Virginia, the State boundary shall constitute the limits of the two Synods.

Resolved, That it be recommended to our ministers to attach themselves to the Synods within whose bounds they reside.

Resolved, That as a rigid observance of the pre-existing regulations might in some instances subject ministers and churches to serious inconvenience, therefore in such

instances, they may attach themselves to that Synod which it would be most convenient for them to attend, provided the Synods concerned give their consent.

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the Synod of Virginia, and the congregations in Virginia and Pennsylvania, whose ministers belong to this Synod, of the passage of the preceding resolutions.

At the Synod of 1836, held in Boonsboro', the following proceeding was had:

A communication was read by the President, from a late convention of Lutheran ministers in Virginia, informing us of their proceedings, signed J. B. Davis, Sec'ry, which was cordially received by this Synod, and a general desire was expressed by these brethren, that the friendly relations heretofore existing between these sister Synods may never be interrupted. As respects the apprehended difficulties arising out of the boundary question, the Synod does not feel itself authorized to employ caution in determining the Synodical relationship of its members, but merely to give fraternal advice; and if the ministers and churches do not wish to detach themselves from our body, wherever they may be located, they must be acknowledged as members.

At the Synod of 1841, held at Hagerstown, the President, Dr. Morris, says in his report, "on the 13th inst. (Oct.) I received a letter from Rev. L. Eichelberger, President of the Virginia Synod, relative to the boundary line between this Synod and that of Virginia, which will require your attention." The committee to whom the President's report was referred (B. Kurtz and H. L. Baugher,) offered the following report:

In reference to the boundary line between this Synod and that of Virginia, your committee, after reflection, recommend that the brethren living near the line in Virginia be not compelled to relinquish their Synodical connection; first, because they and their congregations decidedly prefer their present connection. Secondly, because it is mere convenient for them to remain in their present connection. And thirdly, because other Synods do not observe the boundaries of their respective States. They therefore move the repeal of the resolutions of this Synod in reference to this subject, passed at its session in Waynesboro' in 1839, and recorded on pages 10 and 11 of said minutes.

Synod then took the following action pages 17, 18.

In reference to the boundary line between this and the Virginia Synod, a letter from the Rev. L. Eichelberger, President of said Synod, was read, and after some discussion the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to write to brother Eichelberger, and communicate the action just had on the boundary question between the two Synods, and invite the Virginia brethren to concur in our decision.

At the Synod of 1847, held at Martinsburg, Va., Rev. L. Eichelberger, delegate from the Virginia Synod, called the attention of this Synod to the boundary question, when the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That recognizing the State boundaries as the boundaries of the Synod of Maryland, the churches on the borders shall be permitted to retain what they regard as their ecclesiastical relations, and if in future they wish to change them, they be permitted to connect themselves with the Synod which is most convenient to them, with the understanding that the intention to do so, be first coumunicated to the Synod in whose bounds they are. Page 14.

Your committee respectfully recommend the printing of the above resolutions in the proceedings of Synod.

JOHN WINTER,
D. J. HAUER,
M. M. YEAKLE.

Adopted.

Brother Reimensnyder, from committee No. 2, submitted the following report:

The committee to whom papers No. 2 were committed, report that they contain a letter from the Rev. John F. Campbell, of the Synod of Virginia, who says that he was appointed a delegate to this Synod, and John B. Davis his alternate, and that neither of them can be present. This he greatly regrets because he supposes that business will claim the consideration of this Synod in which the Synod of Virginia is deeply interested. He alludes to the boundary question. The chief object of his communication seems to be to have the Synod of Maryland decide what is the boundary line between the two Synods. As this question was discussed and decided at the last session of our Synod, as may be seen by reference to the proceedings of Synod, on page 14, and to which the attention of the Synod of Virginia is respectfully invited, your committee can propose no further course of action in regard to his communication.

Respectfully submitted,

C. REIMENSNYDER,
LAWRENCE RIZER,
CONRAD HILDEBRAND.

Adopted.

Whereas, the action of the last Synod of Virginia corresponds with that of our last Synod on the question of boundary, therefore

Resolved, That we accede to it and that the subject be considered as finally settled.

Brother Brandau, from the special committee on the letter from the German Lutheran congregation of Cumberland, reported as follows:

The special committee appointed yesterday morning, beg leave to report that they have examined the paper assigned them, and find it to be a well written document in the German language, very respectfully addressed to this Synod by the trustees and vestry of the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Cumberland. It breathes a truly christian spirit, and after stating the former and existing relations between them and the English Lutheran congregation of this place, request your reverend body to take some action in the matter.

Your committee move

1. That the document be read in open Synod.

2. That we approve of its spirit and cordially recommend to our beloved Lutheran brethren of both congregations in this place, the cultivation of fraternal feelings inasmuch as they are members of the same household of faith though worshiping in different languages.

3. That we recommend to the members of the English congregation to assist by their subscriptions, towards the building of the new German church so beautifully and tastefully begun.

4. That we commend the enterprise of our German brethren in Cumberland to all our congregations, as worthy of their liberality and assistance.

G. H. BRANDAU,
H. L. BAUGHER,
F. W. CONRAD,
JACOB WALTER,
GEO. SPRECHER.

Adopted.

Brother S. W. Harkey, from the committee on the difficulties in brother Willard's church, submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to inquire what action, if any, is necessary on the part of this Synod, in regard to certain difficulties said to exist in the congregation in Loudon county, Va., beg leave respectfully to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and ascertained that a misunderstanding has for sometime existed between some members of said congregation and their pastor, which has impaired his usefulness, caused his resignation and disturbed the peace of that church, and that the attempt to settle said difficulties among themselves has failed. Your committee would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two clergymen and one layman be appointed by this Synod to proceed to Loudon county, at such time as may be convenient to said committee and the parties concerned, to investigate said difficulties and endeavor to restore peace and harmony.

S. W. HARKEY,
D. F. BITTLE,
J. WALTER.

Adopted.

The committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Harkey, Culler, and Mr. Henry Bell.

Brother Conrad, from the committee on absentees, submitted the following report:

The committee on absentees beg leave to report:

1. Is a communication from the Rev. C. P. Krauth, Jr., of Winchester, Va., in which he informs Synod of his change of location and desires an honorable dismission to the Virginia Synod, which the committee recommend to be transmitted to him immediately.

2. The Rev. G. A. Nixdorff, of Perrysburg, Ohio, informs Synod that he is now laboring and intends permanently to locate in the West, and therefore desires an honorable dismission to the Synod of Miami, which the committee recommend be granted him as soon as practicable.

3. A letter from the Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder, states the reason of his absence to be sickness, and begs to be excused, which the committee recommend, it being a constitutional one.

4. A letter from the Rev. J. Kaempfer, of Manchester, Md., encloses his honorable dismission from the Synod of West Pennsylvania, whose session he has just attended, on which account, as well as because of the distance to Cumberland, he begs to be excused, and desires to be admitted a member of this body. Although the com-

mittee does not regard the excuse as constitutional, they still recommend that he be excused and received as a member of Synod.

5. A letter from Rev. B. Appleby, of Baltimore, presents as an excuse for non-attendance poverty and the claims of his business. As he was absent last year without excuse and your committee deem the excuse presented this year as inadequate, they recommend that the President admonish him according to the constitution.

6. A letter from Rev. S. D. Finckel, of Washington, D. C., presents as his excuse the claims of his business. As he was absent at the last meeting of Synod without excuse, and the one now presented is inadequate and unconstitutional, your committee recommend that the President address an admonitory letter to him according to the constitution.

7. Rev. C. Weyl, of Baltimore, sends as his excuse through Rev. Mr. Brandau, that he is unwell. This, with a written excuse, your committee would have regarded as valid, but as he was absent last year without excuse, and during the whole period of his connection with this Synod present but once, your committee recommend that he be admonished by the President according to the constitution.

8. As no communication was received from Rev. W. H. Smith, and as the excuse presented by him last year was unconstitutional, your committee recommend that the President admonish him by letter according to the constitution.

9. No communication having been received from the Rev. G. S. Fouke, of Waynesboro', a licentiate of this Synod, and as he has made no application for a renewal of his license, your committee recommend that his absence be overlooked, and that his license be not renewed.

10. Rev. S. D. Heilig, having been absent again and again without excuse, having been admonished by the action of Synod, and informed that unless he appear or send by letter an adequate excuse for absence, his name shall be stricken from our list, and having disregarded all, your committee recommend that his name be stricken from our roll, and this fact published in the Observer.

F. W. CONRAD,
G. H. BRANDAU,
P. RIZER,
JOHN MYERS,
GEORGE SPRECHER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary send an ordination certificate with the seal of Synod, to brother G. A. Nixdorff, as requested by him.

Adjourned until after divine service to-night.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 *o'clock.*

The Rev. Dr. Morris presented the application of the Rev. C. Ewing, for admission as a member of this Ministerium.

Resolved, That brother Ewing present himself, in order that a colloquium may be held with him by this Ministerium.

The colloquium having proved satisfactory, brother Ewing was unanimously received as a member of this Ministerium.

Resolved, That brother Graeff be ordained this evening.

Brother Hauer reported as follows on the sermons and journal of brother Lawrence Rizer:

The committee appointed to examine the sermons and journal of brother L. Rizer, beg leave to report:

That the sermons have been written with care, are of a highly spiritual character and well calculated to accomplish good.

From his journal it appears that he has been without a charge during the past Synodical year, but has assisted a number of neighboring brethren as well as preached whenever opportunities have presented themselves, and manifests a desire to be useful in the vineyard of our common Master. Your committee respectfully suggests the renewal of this brother's license.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL J. HAUER.

Adopted.

Brother Baugher, from the committee on examination, reported as follows:

The examining committee report, that Messrs. Frederick Benedict, Sydney L. Harkey, George J. Martz and Josiah P. Smeltzer, presented themselves and were examined in the Hebrew and Greek languages, Personal Piety and the Motives for Entering the Ministry, Homiletics, Didactic and Pastoral Theology, Church History and Church Government. The committee had six interviews of an hour each with these candidates, and examined them as thoroughly as the limited time and other engagements of the committee would permit.

We would recommend that they be licensed with the understanding that Mr. Harkey attentively read some approved system of divinity.

H. L. BAUGHER,
JOHN G. MORRIS,
J. A. SEISS,
P. RIZER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That brother Martz be ordained in Frederick city, in the Lutheran church, at such time as may be deemed expedient by the Executive Committee of the Foreign Missionary Society, and that a special meeting of the Ministerium be called for this purpose.

Resolved, That brothers Wachter, Winter and Hauer, with the President, be a committee to attend to the exercises of licensure and ordination this evening.

Adjourned after prayer by brother Ewing.

TUESDAY EVENING, *after Divine Service.*

Sermon by the President, after which brother Graeff was ordained by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery; and F.

Benedict, Josiah P. Smeltzer, Sydney L. Harkey and George J. Martz, licensed.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes read and approved.

The consideration of the Constitution concluded this evening, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the Constitution as amended be adopted.

Rev. J. E. Graeff, Mr. A. Hogmire, Rev. C. Reimensnyder and his delegate, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remaining sessions of this Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by the President.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8 *o'clock*, *Oct.* 20*th*, 1848.

Prayer by brother Morris.

Minutes were read and approved.

Resolved, That brother F. Benedict be recommended to the churches in our bounds as the agent of the Parent Education Society.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE SYNOD OF ALLEGHANY.

The delegate appointed to attend the last session of the Lutheran Alleghany Synod of Pennsylvania reports, that he has attended to his duty. He was fraternally received by the brethren, and was permitted to witness enough in their proceedings to be able to certify to their zeal for the kingdom of God. A delegate was appointed to attend this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SEISS.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Parent Education Society, be requested to carry out the instructions given to the Executive Committee of this Education Society, in reference to all beneficiaries from the bounds of this Synod, passed at Washington, D. C.

Resolved, That every one hereafter received on the list of beneficiaries shall previously solemnly pledge himself not to enter into any engagement of marriage during his course of study, and if he shall violate this pledge it may be regarded as sufficient cause to drop him from the list.

Brother Harkey, from the committee to report on the proceedings of the last General Synod, submitted the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the minutes of the last General Synod, would respectfully report as follows:

The last convention of this body was held in the city of New York, in the month of May, 1848, and it was one of the largest and most interesting meetings that it has ever held. Fifteen district Synods were represented in it by 41 clerical and 30 lay-delegates, who were nearly all in attendance. Three new Synods, viz: that of Illinois, of the South West, and of Wittenberg, were received into connection with it. Interesting and able reports were presented to the Synod on the following subjects: "Christian Union; the Liturgy; the revision of the Hymn Book; the publication and price of the Hymn Book; the Gettysburg Seminary; the State of the Church and Foreign Correspondence." The Parent Education Society and the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held their anniversaries, and interesting reports were read giving an account of their operations. The anniversary of the Historical Society of the Lutheran church was also held and an able discourse was delivered before it by Rev. Prof. Reynolds, of Gettysburg, on the early history of the Swedish Lutherans in America. A resolution was passed that this discourse be published.

Among the important transactions of the General Synod, there are several items to which the attention of this body should be directed.

On page 7 of the proceedings, we find the report of the Treasurer of the Lutheran Pastor's Fund, and a vote of thanks to the Lutheran Book Company for several appropriations to said fund. Your committee would direct the attention of this Synod to the fact that such a fund exists, and would move that a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the nature and objects of this fund, and upon what conditions persons become entitled to its benefactions, and report at the next meeting of this Synod.*

"The New York City Temperance Society, organized on Christian principles," desired the co-operation of the General Synod, and sent several documents for its inspection. A committee appointed upon this subject brought in a report to which are appended the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the New York City Temperance Society organized on Christian principles, and believe it to be the only system of operation that will be ultimately successful and triumphant.

"*Resolved*, That we commend this Society to the attention of the Synods in connection with this body and to our churches generally, and urge them to prosecute this grand and philanthropic enterprize upon the christian principles adopted by this Society."

Your committee would recommend the adoption of these resolutions by this Synod, and would in addition move the following:

Resolved, That it be urged upon each pastor connected with his Synod, to preach at least one sermon during the year, on the subject of Temperance to each of his congregations.

As the General Synod desires each district Synod to examine the new Liturgy and to express through its delegates to that body, what alterations and improvements it desires should be made in the same, therefore we would move that this Synod adopt it for the present and appoint a committee of five pastors to examine the Liturgy, and report at our next meeting.†

*Harkey, Sentman and Conrad, compose this committee.

†Morris, Harkey, Sentman, Seiss and Conrad, compose this committee.

On page 22 of the proceedings the "attention of the district Synods is earnestly invited" to the subject of church music as it is now conducted by choirs. Your committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the design of choirs in churches is not to monopolize this delightful part of divine worship, but to lead the devotions of the congregations.

2. *Resolved*, That the members of the choir and especially the leader should be members of the church, whose deportment, especially in the house of God, should be discreet and christian.

3. *Resolved*, That we disapprove of the introduction of so many new tunes, especially all light and frivolous ones into the singing of our churches, which often destroys instead of promoting a spirit of devotion, and prevents the congregation from joining in the exercise.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the pastors of our churches to preach on the subject of devotional singing, and to make all proper efforts to have this interesting part of public worship so conducted that the whole congregation may join in the exercise, and as to be characterized by proper solemnity and decorum.

A committee was appointed by the General Synod to improve the Shorter Catechism. It would be proper for the members of this Synod to express their views upon this subject so as to aid the committee in their work. A committee was also appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing parochial schools within the bounds of our church, under the superintendence of pastors and church councils. Your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all our churches to return to the good and wholesome practice of our fathers in establishing parochial schools, under the care of the pastor and church councils of every congregation where it is practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. HARKEY.

Adopted.

Resolved, That brother P. Rizer be our delegate to the Virginia Synod.

Resolved, That brothers Baugher, Harkey and P. Rizer, be a committee to nominate persons to address the benevolent societies at the next meeting of Synod.

On Education.—Brother Bittle, principal; brother Anstatt, alternate.

On Foreign Missions.—Brother Ewing, principal; brother Morris, alternate.

On Home Missions.—Brother Seiss, principal; brother P. Rizer, alternate.

Resolved, That a brother be appointed to preach the ordination sermon in Frederick, when the Rev. J. G. Martz, our Foreign Missionary, shall be ordained, and another brother to make an appeal to the church in behalf of the funds of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The President appointed Dr. Morris to attend to the former duty and brother Bittle to attend to the latter.

Resolved, That the request of brother Butler, for the loan of $100, be referred to the Education Society.

Resolved, That the request of the Lombard street church, in Baltimore, in regard to brother Ewing's installation be granted, and that the President appoint the committee to attend to it as soon as may be deemed expedient by the church council.

Resolved, That brother Martz visit the churches for the purpose of awakening an interest on the subject of Foreign Missions, and that he be allowed for his services as the executive committee may think right.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

This body met at Columbus in 1848, and is composed of 80 voting members.

Rev. Messrs. J. Mechling, President; F. C. Becker, Secretary; and C. Spielman, Treasurer.

They have in their connection 173 congregations, 1,648 communicants, 42 Sunday schools, and collected $149 92 for education. Their Seminary at Columbus is reported to be in a flourishing condition and with fine prospects of its future prosperity. Their paper, the Lutheran Standard, has an increased circulation, and has lately reduced its liabilities from $1,800 to $700. D. F. BITTLE.

The minutes of Virginia and North Carolina were received and reported on.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to St. Paul's church to adhere to the Weverton charge according to their own action, and that brother Hunt be requested to use his influence to induce them to do so, and that the Rev. Mr. Smeltzer be requested to visit the Weverton charge and labor among them.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet in Hagerstown on the Thursday evening preceding the 3d Sunday in October, 1849.

Adjourned after prayer by the President.

J. HECK, *Secretary pro tem.*

APPENDIX A.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY EVENING, 4 *o'clock*, *Oct.* 13*th*, 1848.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. Dr. Kurtz was elected President pro tem., and the Rev. J. E. Graeff, Secretary.

The Treasurer being absent, the Rev. F. W. Conrad handed in his report, which is as follows:

D. Gilbert, Treasurer, in account with Synodical Education Society of Maryland Synod, 1848.

SOCIETY, DR.

1847.			
October 8.	To balance due as per report this day,	- - - -	$1,303 83
" 27.	" counterfeit note in money sent,	- - - -	10 00
Nov'r. 12.	" amount paid first quarter to four beneficiaries $30 each, (Kuhl, Miller, Fink and Smeltzer,)	- - -	120 00
1848.			
Jan'y 12.	" amount paid to four beneficiaries, second quarter,	-	120 00
June 12.	" " " six " (Kreglo and Martz added,) $20 each, third quarter,	- - - -	120 00
Aug. 12.	" " " " " fourth quarter,	-	120 00
Sept. 19.	" cash paid Probst, (balance,)	- - - - - -	12 50
	Interest on $700 one year,	- - - - - -	42 00
	Postage, &c.,	- - - - - - - -	15
			$1,848 48

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1847.			
Oct. 27.	By cash per Prof. Hay, from Synod,	- - - - -	$494 38
1848.			
March.	" " Rev. Sentman,	- - - - - -	10 00
April.	" " Dr. Morris,	- - - - - - -	13 00
"	" " Rev. F. W. Conrad,	- - - - -	40 00
July.	" " Dr. Baugher, Christ's church, Gettysburg,	-	23 50
Sept'r.	" " Rev. F. W. Conrad,	- - - - -	60 00
"	" " Jesse Haflaigh refunded,	- - - - -	5 00
			$645 88
	Balance due Oct. 6th, 1848,	- - - - - -	1,202 60
			$1,848 48
	Paid at Synod, or ready to be paid,	- - - - -	769 00
			$433 60

An interesting communication from Dr. Baugher, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Education Society, was now read, which elicited considerable discussion on the part of the brethren, after which the Society adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'cl'k.

Prayer by Rev. Wachter.

SATURDAY MORNING, *October* 14*th*, 1848.

Society met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Seiss.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Rev. S. W. Harkey:

Whereas, a general desire has been expressed that the Education Society of this Synod should be dissolved, and that we should again unite with the Parent Society; and whereas, the executive committee of that Society have addressed us on this subject, desiring such a union, and proposing to assume our debt and take our beneficiaries upon their funds, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the Education Society of this Synod be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and that we re-unite with the Parent Society, pay all the money raised for education purposes into its treasury, and transfer to the care of its executive committee the young men now sustained by us.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Synod of Maryland hereafter to make the subject of beneficiary education a part of its regular business at each annual session.

Adopted.

Meeting was then adjourned.

J. E. GRAEFF, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX B.—PAR

	PASTORS.	Congregations.	Baptisms		Confirmations.	Communicants.	Admissions from Lutheran churches.	Admissions from other denominations.	Dismissions to Lutheran churches.	Dismissions to other denominations.	Excommunications.	Deaths.		Sunday Scho		
			Infants.	Adults.								Infants.	Adults.	Union.	Lutheran.	Teachers.
1	Rev. J. D. Kurtz, D. D., - -	4	95	2	6							1	3	1	1	39
2	" B. Kurtz, D. D., - -															
3	" M. Wachter, - - -	6	68	5	60	670						11	19	5		
4	" John Winter, - -	1	4		2	42						2	2		2	
5	" J. G. Morris, D. D., -	1	21	1	19	211	4	3				8	4		1	40
6	" S. W. Harkey, - -	1	67	1	15	303	12		2			20	17		2	40
7	" D. J. Hauer, - - -	5	65	9	33	340	1					4	18	3	2	50
8	" C. Startzman, - -	3	56	9	30	470							7	2	2	60
9	" S. Sentman, - - -	3	62	2	35	875						13	9	8		
10	" J. J. Reimensnyder, 1847,					400										
11	" F. W. Conrad, - -	1	32	3	22	480	10	4	6		1	13	14		2	60
12	" P. Willard, - - -	1	33	6	23	398			17			6	5	1	3	46
13	" Prof. H. L. Baugher, D. D.,	1	5		4	150			6			2	1		1	12
14	" C. Weyl, 1846, - -					660										
15	" C. Lepley, - - -	5	61		43	276	3	1	1		1	10	2	4	1	30
16	" W. Hunt, - - -	4	12	2	12	163	4	2	10			6	2		2	16
17	" C. Culler, - - -	4	27	9	11	307	2				1	5	12	3	1	58
18	" S. D. Finckel, - -	1	33		8	112						9			1	
19	" B. Appleby, - - -															
20	" John Heck, - - -	3	38	4	14	410						4	9	3	3	60
21	" D. F. Bittle, - - -	2	103		40	650						15	9	5	3	100
22	" W. H. Smith, - -															
23	" C. Reimensnyder, - -	6	18			400						11	5	1	1	10
24	" G. H. Brandau, - -	2	86		7	374					1	50	9		1	6
25	" J. A. Seiss, - - -	1	12	1	13	200	10		1						1	21
26	" P. Rizer, - - -	3	72		19	273						10	20		2	
27	" J. E. Graeff, - - -	1	2			65						1			1	14
28	" P. Anstatt, - - -	1	5	1	4	85			3	3		4			1	33
29	" C. Ewing, estimated, -					70										
30	" L. Rizer, - - -															
31	" J. Kaempfer, 1847, - -					578										
		56	887	53	414	8962	46	10	46	3	4	214	155	36	33	656

AROCHIAL REPORT.

ay Schools.					CONTRIBUTIONS.						RESIDENCE.
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Prayer-meetings.	Other meetings.	Synod.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Local objects.	External objects.	
	30	1253			150				500.		
			5		$5 00		$12 00		$550 00	$35 00	Woodsboro', Md.
2											Petersville, Frederick county, Md.
1	40	214	2		10 00	$15 00			1100 00	197 00	Baltimore, Md.
2	40	300	3	2	5 00	100 00		$15 00		200 00	Frederick, Md.
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER I.

Section 1. The style and title of this body shall be the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland.

Sec. 2. It consists of all the ministers, including licensed candidates, and one lay-delegate from each pastoral district within its bounds.

Sec. 3. Lay-delegates from vacant pastoral districts, or from districts not represented by the pastor, shall have equal rights and privileges, with the other members of the Synod, provided these churches thus represented by lay-delegates, make some contribution to the Synodical Treasury or other benevolent objects.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Synod to see that the rules of government and discipline prescribed in the Formula are observed by all the congregations and ministers within their bounds, to receive appeals from decisions of church-councils and of special conferences when regularly brought before them and review and reverse or confirm the decisions to which they refer; to examine and decide on all charges against ministers and licentiates, that of heterodoxy alone excepted, to form and change ministerial districts, to attend to any business relating to their churches brought before them, to educate suitable men for the ministry, to send the gospel and living minister to the heathen and to devise and execute all proper measures for the promotion of piety and the general prosperity of the church.

Sec. 5. If any congregation hitherto in connexion with a Synod, should refuse to observe the resolutions of the Synod, or the provisions of the Formula, it shall be excluded from connexion with the Synod during the time of its refusal; nor any Lutheran minister or licentiate of this Synod take charge of it, without special permission of the President. Provided, however, that if the charter of an incorporated congregation be at variance with any articles of the Formula, said charter shall have precedence of those articles with which it is in conflict.

Sec. 6. Any congregation within the bounds of this Synod may become connected with it, by acceding to the provisions of the Formula, and making some annual contribution towards defraying the necessary expenses of the Synod. For this purpose an annual collection ought to be held in each congregation.

Sec. 7. At least one meeting of the Synod shall be held every year, at such time and place as may have been determined on; but a *special* meeting may be called by the President at the request of five ordained ministers, by giving two weeks notice,

but no business shall be transacted at such meeting, except that for which it has been specially called, without the consent of three-fourths of the members present.

Sec. 8. No minister or licentiate shall be absent from the meeting of the Synod *without the most urgent necessity*. In case of non-attendance, he shall send to the Synod a written apology, stating the cause of his absence. A mere declaration that it was out of his power or impossible to attend, shall not be regarded as satisfactory, neither shall official duties or pastoral engagements constitute a sufficient excuse. None but high and imperious considerations shall be deemed adequate. Any minister or licentiate violating this provision, shall be called to account by the President at the next Synod, and a vote that the absentee is not excused shall be understood to convey a tacit censure. If any minister or licentiate be absent from two successive Synods and neglect to send a written excuse, or if the excuse sent be not sustained by a majority of the Synod, the delinquent shall be subject to the discipline of the Synod.

Sec. 9. These written apologies as well as all other letters and papers intended for the Synod and Ministerium ought to be addressed to the President.

Sec. 10. Ministers in good standing in other Synods or in any sister churches, who may happen to be present, or who appear as delegates from said bodies, may be received as advisory members, but cannot vote in any decision of the Synod.

CHAPTER II.

OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

Section 1. The officers of each Synod shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, the latter of whom may be a layman.

Sec. 2. All these officers are annually chosen by ballot, from among the ordained ministers regularly belonging to the Synod, (except the Treasurer, who may be a layman,) by a majority of votes of the ministers, licentiates and lay-delegates present. The same persons shall not be eligible for more than one year.

THE PRESIDENT.

Sec. 3. The President shall deliver a Synodical discourse at the meeting of every Synod; and he shall, in connexion with the pastor of the place, appoint the other individuals who are to preach during the session, and every minister thus appointed shall be considered as bound to preach unless released by a vote of Synod.

Sec. 4. He shall, at the beginning of every Synod, make a written report of all the official business transacted by him since the last meeting, and of all the important events which have occurred relating to his Synod, and may recommend for their consideration any measures, which he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the cause of God. This report shall be laid on the table, and dealt with as with all other papers coming before the body.

Sec. 5. He presides at all the meetings of the Synod and Ministerium.

Sec. 6. The President has a right to take part in the discussions as well as any other member. When the house is equally divided on any question, he has the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is made by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

Sec. 7. The President shall preserve order, not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, secure to each person liberty to speak without interruption from others, and shall prevent a speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

Sec. 8. The President shall take care that each subject be duly considered before

a decision be made. He shall distinctly rehearse each motion, when no one has any further observations to offer, and take the votes of the house on the same.

Sec. 9. When the votes are called for, they are to be given simply by yea and nay; and no further observations are then admissible.

Sec. 10. The President has the appointment of all committees which are not to be elected by ballot, or otherwise; and every motion for the formation of a committee shall specify in what way it is to be formed.

Sec. 11. The President may grant an *ad interim* license to an applicant at any time not within three months of the meeting of Synod. But in such case, it shall be his duty to call a special committee to consist of at least five ordained ministers, a majority of whom shall be a quorum, by whom the applicant shall be examined, and if the committee or a majority of them, recommend him, the President shall grant him license until the next Synod. This rule is to apply to applicants for original license, as well as to candidates or ordained ministers of our church from foreign countries who ask for admission into the Synod. In the case of the latter, the committee is to require the testimonials of character as stated in Chap. viii. § 7.

Sec. 12. It is an important part of his duty to give counsel to every member of the Synod, when he deems it expedient, and particularly to admonish and advise every erring brother. If accusation has been lodged against any member of this body according to Chap. iii. § 5, of the Formula of church government, or if he has reason to believe that any minister or licentiate is living in any material violation of the rules of that Formula, it shall be his duty to call upon the individual to relieve his character from said imputation, before the Synod or Ministerium.

Sec. 13. Should the President remove from the limits of the Synod or depart this life, then the Secretary shall succeed him and discharge the duties of the President until the next Synod. If both the President and Secretary should remove from the bounds of the Synod or depart this life, then the oldest minister shall discharge the duty.

THE SECRETARY.

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate account of all the proceedings of the Synod and Ministerium, and transcribe them into the manuscript book kept for that purpose.

Sec. 2. He shall carefully preserve all the papers, the seal, &c., of the Synod, subject to their direction, and shall do all the official writing of the Synod not otherwise provided for.

Sec. 3. He shall give notice either by circular or in the public papers, of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least six weeks previous to the time appointed.

Sec. 4. He shall keep a register of the names of all the ministers and licensed candidates, arranged according to their age in office and also of the congregations, whether vacant or not, connected with the Synod.

Sec. 5. He shall publish and distribute the proceedings of the Synod according to its direction.

Sec. 6. He shall always keep and bring to Synod, a number of blank certificates of licensure and ordination, with the seal of the Synod distinctly impressed on them.

Sec. 7. If accumulation of business should render it necessary, the President may appoint an assistant Secretary, whose office shall expire at the close of the meeting of Synod.

Sec. 8. If in the recess of Synod the Secretary should resign, remove into the bounds of another Synod, or depart this life, the President shall require the papers,

the seal, and all other property of the Synod to be delivered to him, and shall retain the charge of them until the next meeting of Synod, when he shall appoint a Secretary *pro tempore*.

Sec. 9. Unless the papers are otherwise disposed of by the Synod, they shall be in charge of the Secretary; any minister connected with said Synod shall have access to them, but no part of them shall be allowed to be taken away or destroyed.

THE TREASURER.

Section 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the monies belonging to the Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order.

Sec. 2. He shall keep and present at each annual meeting, a detailed and faithful account of the state of the treasury.

Sec. 3. He shall pay out no money unless he has an order from the President.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer, during the recess of Synod, remove out of the bounds of the Synod, or be removed by death, the President shall have all the monies, certificates, bonds and documents belonging to the Synod, delivered to him, and shall have charge of them until the next Synodical session.

OTHER MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

Section 1. It is the duty of every ordained minister, licentiate and lay-delegate of Synod, not only to observe the provisions of this Constitution himself, but also, as far as is in his power, see that it is obeyed by all connected with it.

Sec. 2. It is recommended to every ordained minister and licentiate, to aid in circulating among the members of his charge, the books proposed by the Synod and General Synod for use.

Sec. 3. No minister or licentiate shall interfere with the congregations of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial duties in them, except by his request or consent, if present; nor in his absence, if he have reason to think that any evil would result to said church.

Sec. 4. Any minister or licentiate in good standing, who removes from the bounds of Synod into those of another, shall, on application to the President, receive a certificate under his signature, of his honorable dismission; and such a certificate shall be required of every member of another Synod who applies for admission into this body.

Sec. 5. A licensed candidate has liberty to visit vacant congregations, either upon receiving an invitation from them, or upon the advice of the Synod or President.

Sec. 6. After a licentiate has a stated charge he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the Ministerium, or, in its recess, of the President.

Sec. 7. A licentiate has power to perform all the Ministerial functions during the time specified in his license.

Sec. 8. In addition to the obligations of ministers specified above, it is the duty of licentiates particularly to devote all their leisure time to their personal improvement and knowledge and grace; to receive counsel from the President, and to apply to him for advice in cases of difficulty.

Sec. 9. Every licentiate must keep a general journal of his ministerial acts, which with a few sermons of his own composition and an exegetical lecture on a passage proposed by the President, he must deliver or send annually, for the inspection of the Ministerium.

CHAPTER III.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. At the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall assemble; and if a majority of ministers with lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. The President shall open the first session, by a prayer, after the brethren have unitedly sung an hymn. And every session of the Synod shall be opened and closed with prayer.

SEC. 3. After prayer, the Secretary shall call the names of all the ordained ministers and licentiates belonging to the Synod, and note the absentees. He shall also call the roll at every subsequent meeting.

SEC. 4. The lay-delegates shall then exhibit the certificates of their appointment, and their names be registered by the Secretary as members of the Synod.

SEC. 5. The question of applicants from sister Synods for membership, and the admission of ministerial delegates from other Synods, and of advisory members, shall now be considered.

SEC. 6. The President shall make his report as the last official act of his office.

SEC. 7. The election of officers for the ensuing year, is now to be attended to.

SEC. 8. The minutes of the last Synod may be read.

SEC. 9. All papers intended for the Synod or Ministerium, are to be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before the Synod.

SEC. 10. The journals, sermons and exegetical exercises of licentiates may now be presented and referred to committees, who are to report to the Ministerium.

SEC. 11. Applications for license must now be made and the President shall appoint an examining committee of ordained ministers, if none has been appointed at the previous Synod, or the examination may be held openly at such times as may be deemed most convenient. [For subject of examination see Sec. 3, Chap. viii.]

SEC. 12. The Secretary shall then number the papers as arranged by the President, after which they shall be taken up and discussed before the whole house in numerical order, or be first referred to committees, as the house may direct. The reports of committees may be heard and acted on at any time, and the intervals filled up by succeeding items.

SEC. 13. Each minister shall be called on by the Secretary or by a committee for the record of persons baptized and confirmed, as well as of the regular communing members belonging to his churches; as also the number of schools.

SEC. 14. The Treasurer's account shall be heard and referred to a committee.

SEC. 15. Business relating to the education of beneficiaries, to Home Missions and to Foreign Missions, shall now be taken up, in the order here specified.

SEC. 16. The number of vacant congregations in the bounds of this Synod be inquired into, and provision made for them.

SEC. 17. Promiscuous business.

SEC. 18. Election of delegates to the General Synod, or to other ecclesiastical bodies, and of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

SEC. 19. Choice of the time and place for the next meeting of Synod.

SEC. 20. Dissolution of the Synod, and annunciation of the time of the Ministerial session.

SEC. 21. Should the President or Secretary be absent at the proper time for opening a session, the members present may elect others pro tempore.

CHAPTER IV.

PROCESS AGAINST A MINISTER.

SECTION 1. As the honor and success of the gospel depend very much on the character of its ministers, the Synod ought to guard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

SEC. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any man, and especially of a minister of the gospel; if any man knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private. If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church-council, who shall proceed as specified in Chap. iii. § 5, of the Formula.

SEC. 3. If accusation be lodged according to Chap. iii. § 5, of the Formula, with the President, within one month of the time of the next Synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or a higher crime, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties, until his case is decided. If such accusation is lodged with the President, at an earlier date, he shall, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine or of a higher crime, immediately appoint a committee of five ordained ministers, three of whom shall be a quorum, to meet at a suitable place and institute an investigation of the case. The chairman of said committee shall give at least eight days notice of the time and place of the meeting to the accused minister.

SEC. 4. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious, such as drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental error in doctrine, or a higher crime, however penitent he may be, he must immediately be suspended from the exercise of his office, and if thought expedient, a time be appointed for him publicly to confess to the congregation, and the world, his guilt and penitence.

SEC. 5. If a minister, accused of atrocious crimes, being duly notified, refuses to attend the investigation, he shall still be immediately suspended from office.

SEC. 6. If the accused deny the charge, and yet on examination of the evidence is found guilty, the committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

SEC. 7. The highest punishment which can be inflicted by a committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next meeting of the Synod, and remains in force until reversed by the Synod or Ministerium, as the case may be.

SEC. 8. Any minister intending to appeal from the decision of a committee, shall give notice of it to his accusers within three weeks of the time when the decision was made, that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

SEC. 9. If at any time accusation be lodged with the President, for a less crime than those above specified, he shall take no other steps in the case than to write a letter to the accused and accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance, and referring them to the next Synod.

SEC. 10. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the Synod, and the Synod believe themselves in possession of all the evidence necessary to a just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed. But if the necessary evidence be not before them, and the crime be such as is specified in § iii., they shall appoint a committee who shall proceed as above specified.

SEC. 11. If a minister be found guilty of drunkenness, fundamental heresy, lewdness, or higher crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until after

some time of penitent, humble and edifying conduct. And he cannot be restored by any judicatory than the Synod, or by the Ministerium, if his case was one of fundamental heresy.

Sec. 12. If the common report of a minister's guilt of any of the charges above specified, be such as seriously to injure the cause of religion, and his own churches do not proceed against him, it shall be the duty of any other minister or layman, having obtained two other signatures of credible men, to report the case to the President, who shall proceed against him according to Sec. 3 of this Chap.

CHAPTER V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Section 1. If a minister of another evangelical denomination applies for admission into this Synod, he must exhibit a certificate of good moral and ministerial deportment and fundamental orthodoxy from the proper ecclesiastical authority of the denomination he designs to leave, which certificate must not date farther back than two months from the time of his application. He must also exhibit a recommendation of at least three ordained Lutheran ministers. If his application is made two months before the regular meeting of the Ministerium, the consideration of his case must be postponed to the meeting. If the application is made before that time, the President shall call a special meeting, seven of whom shall be a quorum in such cases, to decide on the admission of the applicant. A theological and pastoral colloquium shall be held with the applicant and then a vote of three-fourths of the members present, will be necessary to admit him.

Sec. 2. No minister can become a member of the Ministerium without avowing his belief in the fundamental doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, as they are set forth in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession, viz: those specified in the questions propounded to candidates for ordination,—and at the same time declaring his determination to practise the Lutheran usages of catechisation and confirmation.

CHAPTER VI.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND DIRECTORS.

The election of delegates to the General Synod and of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, shall always be held by ballot; and a licensed candidate shall not be eligible to either of these offices.

CHAPTER VII.

SPECIAL CONFERENCES.

Section 1. It is earnestly recommended that the Synod divide itself into two or more districts, for the purpose of holding special conferences; which may be held either on a week day or Sabbath.

Sec. 2. It is desirable, where ministers do not live too far apart, that at least two conferences should be held annually in each district. They ought to last two days; and the chief business to be performed at them is to awaken and convert sinners, and to edify believers by close practical preaching of the gospel.

Sec. 3. The state of religion in the churches of the district ought to be inquired into, and at least an hour be spent by the conference alone in conversation on the subjects relating to pastoral experience.

Sec. 4. These districts ought to contain between five and ten ministers; and when the number becomes greater, a new district ought to be formed.

Sec. 5. These conferences ought to be held alternately, in some congregation of each minister and licentiate belonging to the district.

Sec. 6. Special conferences may examine into any business of congregations which is regularly referred to them, and give their advice; but no conference shall, under any pretext whatever, perform any business connected with the licensure or ordination of candidates for the ministry.

Sec. 7. Lay-delegates may also be sent to these conferences, under the same regulations as to Synods, if it is thought advisable by the churches composing the district.

CHAPTER VIII.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Section 1. The clergy shall then hold a meeting consisting exclusively of scripture elders, that is, preachers, for the purpose of attending to the examination, licensure, and ordination of candidates for the ministry. This meeting is called the Ministerium or presbytery, by which in scripture is meant ministers alone.

Sec. 2. If it be the pleasure of the Ministerium, the examination of candidates may be conducted openly before the Synod. See Art. 11, Chap. iii.

Sec. 3. Candidates for the ministry who design to apply for license to this Ministerium when their theological course is finished, may be examined at any stage of their progress and have assigned them such classical or theological exercises as the Ministerium may direct, which may be read publicly, if it be so determined by vote.

Sec. 4. Licensed candidates may be present at the ministerial meeting, unless requested to withdraw, and may take part in the discussions but have no vote.

Sec. 5. The Ministerium shall also be the proper body, by whom all charges of heresy against a minister, are to be examined and decided.

Sec. 6. A majority of two-thirds of the ordained ministers shall be required, either for the licensure of an applicant as well as the renewal of his license, or the ordination of a licensed candidate.

Sec. 7. Ministers or licentiates coming from a foreign country who appear at the meeting of the Ministerium, may be received as members, if they come well recommended for piety and other qualifications by a consistorium or a number of individuals known to the Ministerium, as orthodox and evangelical, or in some other satisfactory manner, for twelve months, after a colloquium by a committee or the whole Ministerium. At the expiration of twelve months, a vote for their permanent reception as members, shall be taken.

Sec. 8. A special meeting of the Ministerium may be called at any time by the President, at the request of five ordained ministers, but not more frequently than twice during the year.

Sec. 9. All business not specifically entrusted to the Ministerium in this Constitution, shall belong to the Synod.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Section 1. After the session has been opened with prayer, the President shall communicate any business which he may have to report or propose.

Sec. 2. The licentiates shall hand in their licenses, sermons and journals, which ought if possible to be read by the licentiate before the whole body. If want of time renders this inconvenient, committees ought then to be appointed to examine and report on them, if this has not been done as provided for in Sec. 9, Chap. iii.

Sec. 3. Applicants for license are now examined, if this has not been attended to, as provided for in Sec. 11, Chap. iii.

Sec. 4. The examination shall embrace at least the following subjects, viz: Personal Piety and the Motives of the applicant for seeking the Holy Office, the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, the Evidences of Christianity, Natural and Revealed Theology, Church History, Pastoral Theology, the Rules of Sermonizing and Church Government.

Sec. 5. The Ministerium shall not, in any case whatever, license an individual whom they do not believe to be hopefully pious. Nor shall any applicant, extraordinary cases excepted, be licensed, whom the Ministerium do not find possessed of a competent acquaintance with the subjects named above, the Hebrew language alone excepted.

Sec. 6. Committees on sermons, journals, &c., of licentiates, now report, after which the question of the renewal of their license or of their ordination, shall be discussed and decided, during which, if the licentiates be present, they may be requested to withdraw.

Sec. 7. The examining committee now reports and the question of admitting applicants for licensure, shall be discussed and decided.

Sec. 8. The act of licensing shall be performed during the meeting of the Synod, but that of ordination, if the candidate prefer it, may be performed in his own church, by a committee appointed by the President.

Sec. 9. Candidates for the ministry may be examined at any stage of their studies, literary or theological, and have such classical or theological exercises for trial assigned them, as the Synod may direct, it being understood however, that they stand a final examination on their application for license.

Sec. 10. Promiscuous matters relative to ministerial business may then be attended to.

Sec. 11. Some time may be spent in conversation on pastoral experience.

Sec. 12. The session closed.

CHAPTER IX.

LICENSING OF CANDIDATES.

Section 1. The candidates shall present themselves at the altar, and after an address from the President as prescribed in the Liturgy, he shall read the duties and privileges of licentiates in Chap. ii. beginning at the head "Other members," &c., page 34, and then propose to them the following questions:

1—Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2—Do you believe that the fundamental doctrines of the word of God are taught correctly in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession? viz:

The existence of God.

The personal Trinity of the Godhead.

The Deity of Christ.

The total depravity of man.

The vicarious sufferings and death of Christ.

Justification by faith in the Son of God.

The agency of the Holy Spirit in regeneration and sanctification.

One Holy Catholic church.

The Divine institution of the ministry, of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the judgment of the

world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

3—Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform all the duties enjoined on you in this Formula, and to submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline, so long as you remain a member of any Lutheran Synod?

Sec. 2. These questions being answered in the affirmative, the President delivers him his license, and concludes with a short address or prayer.

Sec. 3. All licenses shall extend to the time of the next annual meeting of the Ministerium, and shall be renewed as a matter of course, whether the licentiate be present or not, unless satisfactory reasons are known to the Ministerium, which render a renewal inexpedient. And if, for any reason, no meeting be held at the appointed time, the licenses granted by the Ministerium shall remain in force, until revoked at a subsequent meeting.

Sec. 4. If a licentiate, after some time of probation, does, in the judgment of the Ministerium, prove himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

CHAPTER X.

ORDINATION.

Section 1. Whenever the Ministerium has decided that an individual shall be ordained, the ceremony may be performed, either at the time by the assembled Ministerium, or if preferred, in the church by which he has been called, by a committee appointed for the purpose by the President.

Sec. 2. The ceremony of ordination, wherever performed, shall be as follows, viz:

1—A sermon shall be preached by a person previously appointed, on the nature, duties, and responsibilities of the ministerial office.

2—The President of the Ministerium, or chairman of the committee, shall then, after a short address, such as is contained in the Liturgy, propose to the candidate the following questions:

1—Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2—Do you believe that the fundamental doctrines of the word of God, are correctly taught in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession? viz:

The existence of one God.

The personal Trinity of the Godhead.

The Deity of Christ.

The total depravity of man.

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Justification by faith in the Son of God.

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The Divine institution of the ministry, of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

3—Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform all the duties enjoined on you in this Formula, and to submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline, so long as you remain a member of any Lutheran Synod?

4—Do you believe that, in seeking the ministerial office, you are influenced by a sincere love to God your Savior, and desire to promote his glory in the welfare of men?

5—Do you promise faithfully and zealously to preach the truths of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as contained in the Holy Scriptures?

6—These questions being answered in the affirmative, the candidate shall kneel down, when the President or presiding minister shall ordain him after the apostolic example by prayer and the laying on of hands of the ministry, i. e. presbytery. He shall then rise and the officiating minister and after him the ordained ministers present, shall take him by the right hand and welcome him to take part in the ministry with them.

CHAPTER XI.

INSTALLATION.

SECTION 1. If a minister already ordained, is to be installed, the ceremony of installation shall be preceded by a sermon on the relation between a minister and the people of his charge, or on some other suitable subject, by a person previously appointed. The minister shall then be formally installed, after which, a charge may be delivered by a minister previously appointed, to the pastor and his people on their respective duties, and the whole be closed with a benediction.

SEC. 2. When the committee have assembled for the purpose of installation, after singing and prayer, charges shall be delivered to both pastor and people, setting forth their respective duties, after which the presiding minister shall propose to the pastor to be installed the following questions:

1—Are you now willing to take the charge of this congregation, or pastoral district as their pastor, agreeably to your declaration at accepting their call.

2—Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God, and the good of his church.

3—Do you solemnly promise, that by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, or pastoral district, and maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the gospel of Christ, agreeably to your licensure or ordination engagements.

The minister having answered these questions in the affirmative, he shall ask the people the following questions:

1—Do you, the people of this congregation, (or pastoral district,) continue to profess your readiness to receive the Rev. ——, whom you have called, to be your minister?

2—Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth, with meekness and love, and submit to him with humility in the due exercise of discipline?

3—Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

4—And do you engage to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that adequate worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever also you may see needful for his comfort among you?

These questions being answered in the affirmative, he shall pronounce the said minister regularly installed, and constituted the pastor of the congregation, or pastoral district.

world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

3—Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform all the duties enjoined on you in this Formula, and to submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline, so long as you remain a member of any Lutheran Synod?

Sec. 2. These questions being answered in the affirmative, the President delivers him his license, and concludes with a short address or prayer.

Sec. 3. All licenses shall extend to the time of the next annual meeting of the Ministerium, and shall be renewed as a matter of course, whether the licentiate be present or not, unless satisfactory reasons are known to the Ministerium, which render a renewal inexpedient. And if, for any reason, no meeting be held at the appointed time, the licenses granted by the Ministerium shall remain in force, until revoked at a subsequent meeting.

Sec. 4. If a licentiate, after some time of probation, does, in the judgment of the Ministerium, prove himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

CHAPTER X.

ORDINATION.

Section 1. Whenever the Ministerium has decided that an individual shall be ordained, the ceremony may be performed, either at the time by the assembled Ministerium, or if preferred, in the church by which he has been called, by a committee appointed for the purpose by the President.

Sec. 2. The ceremony of ordination, wherever performed, shall be as follows, viz:

1—A sermon shall be preached by a person previously appointed, on the nature, duties, and responsibilities of the ministerial office.

2—The President of the Ministerium, or chairman of the committee, shall then, after a short address, such as is contained in the Liturgy, propose to the candidate the following questions:

1—Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2—Do you believe that the fundamental doctrines of the word of God, are correctly taught in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession? viz:

The existence of one God.

The personal Trinity of the Godhead.

The Deity of Christ.

The total depravity of man.

The vicarious sufferings and death of Christ.

Justification by faith in the Son of God.

The agency of the Holy Spirit in regeneration and sanctification.

One Holy Catholic church.

The Divine institution of the ministry, of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

3—Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform all the duties enjoined on you in this Formula, and to submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline, so long as you remain a member of any Lutheran Synod?

4—Do you believe that, in seeking the ministerial office, you are influenced by a sincere love to God your Savior, and desire to promote his glory in the welfare of men?

5—Do you promise faithfully and zealously to preach the truths of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as contained in the Holy Scriptures?

6—These questions being answered in the affirmative, the candidate shall kneel down, when the President or presiding minister shall ordain him after the apostolic example by prayer and the laying on of hands of the ministry, i. e. presbytery. He shall then rise and the officiating minister and after him the ordained ministers present, shall take him by the right hand and welcome him to take part in the ministry with them.

CHAPTER XI.

INSTALLATION.

SECTION 1. If a minister already ordained, is to be installed, the ceremony of installation shall be preceded by a sermon on the relation between a minister and the people of his charge, or on some other suitable subject, by a person previously appointed. The minister shall then be formally installed, after which, a charge may be delivered by a minister previously appointed, to the pastor and his people on their respective duties, and the whole be closed with a benediction.

SEC. 2. When the committee have assembled for the purpose of installation, after singing and prayer, charges shall be delivered to both pastor and people, setting forth their respective duties, after which the presiding minister shall propose to the pastor to be installed the following questions:

1—Are you now willing to take the charge of this congregation, or pastoral district as their pastor, agreeably to your declaration at accepting their call.

2—Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God, and the good of his church.

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4—And do you engage to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that adequate worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever also you may see needful for his comfort among you?

These questions being answered in the affirmative, he shall pronounce the said minister regularly installed, and constituted the pastor of the congregation, or pastoral district.

After which, the elders and deacons and heads of families present, should come forward to their pastor and give him their right hand, in token of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Resolved, That the above Constitution be adopted until the next meeting of Synod, but no alteration shall then be made except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.